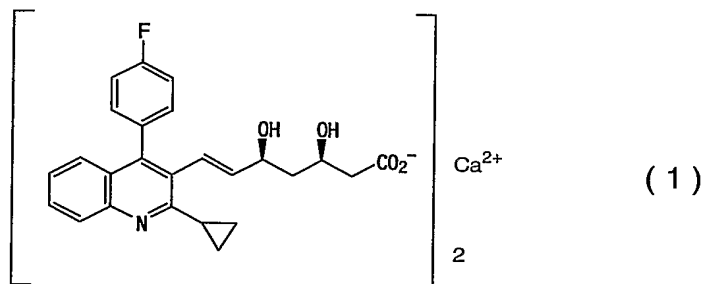


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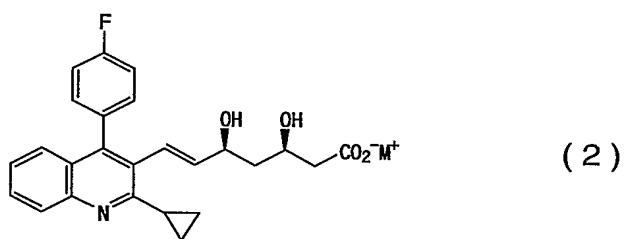
CLAIMS:

1. Crystal (crystal form A) of a compound of the formula (1):



5 which contains from 5 to 15% of water and which shows, in its X-ray powder diffraction as measured by using CuK α radiation, a peak having a relative intensity of more than 25% at a diffraction angle (2θ) of 30.16° .

2. A process for producing the crystal (crystal form A)
10 as defined in Claim 1, which comprises adding a calcium compound to a compound of the formula (2):



wherein M^+ represents an alkali metal ion, dissolved in water or in a C_{1-4} alcohol containing at least 60% of
15 water.

3. A method for producing a drug substance of the crystal (crystal form A) as defined in Claim 1, which comprises adjusting the water content to a level of from 5 to 15%.

4. A pharmaceutical composition which contains the crystal (crystal form A) as defined in Claim 1.